

Application No. 09/821,664

REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 6, 9-11, 13-15, and 17-22, as amended, are pending herein, claims 5, 7, 8, 12, and 16 having been cancelled.

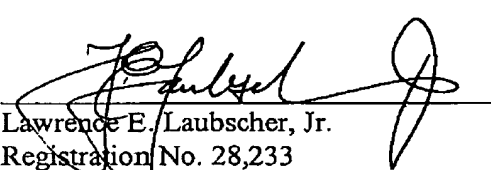
Claims 18-22 were allowed in the most recent Office Action. Claim 18 has been amended to delete the whereby clause. Since this amendment does not affect the scope or patentability of the claim, entry of the amendment thereto is warranted.

Prior claim 8 was indicated as being allowable. This claim related to notification of the payload data unit switching processor of an update of the payload data unit traffic management database. Claim 8 has been cancelled and the limitations thereof have been incorporated into parent claim 1. That is, claim 1 now recites notification means for notifying the payload data unit switching processor of an update of the payload data unit traffic management database. Claim 6, which depends from claim 1, and from which claim 8 originally depended, has been amended for consistency with the amendment to claim 1.

Since the amendment to claim 1 was made to incorporate the allowable subject matter from claim 8, entry of the amendment is warranted. Claim 1 and dependent claims 2-4, 6, 9-11 and 13-15 should thus now be in condition for allowance.

Allowance of claims 1-4, 6, 9-11 and 13-15 and an affirmation of the allowance of claims 18-22, as amended, are courteously solicited.

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